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The High Flyers

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A dog doing tricks for an audience of mice draws an asbestos curtain out of his hat. He causes the curtain to rise and calls a dog to him. The latter, coming out of a kennel, climbs into the magicians high hat, but looking in, the cat finds only a pair of scissors, which he shows his audience. Soon, however, a string of sausages emerges and then the dog, who runs back into his house, only to appear again with a fishbowl perched on his head. While all this is going on a sign reading "Coast to Coast Flying Contest" has been spied by a mule and a rabbit. The mule soars up into the air and flies away. Another dog crying "Extra!" flies on high, tossing papers into the air about him. A dog then runs into the scene with a double box apparatus in it. As he steps into this device the boxes spring open and reveal a stork, who flies away with the dog. A little monkey flies into the bill of a pelican and they fly away together. A very long dog runs into the doghouse, the propellor of which begins to spin. It raises the dog and away it goes. One of the "extras" falls at the feet of the performing Cat. On seeing it, the cat runs into a barn and comes crashing out, pushing a flying machine. Everyone, cats, mice and dogs, cheer as the cat comes into the scene of action. The airship proves very contrary, however, going forward, then backward, but never upward. It separates and spins around, provoking the excited cat. Finally he raises the hood of the machine and reveals a tiny mouse. "Put your full strength on it," he shouts, as he oils the mouse. The hood is then lowered and, after a little maneuvering, the airship ascends. Over housetops and hills, passing cities, villages and towns goes the flying squadron. Every form of animal is in the race. The cat, far behind, puts on speed and passes all of them by. On he goes until he reaches the end of his journey. The crowds cheer as the Mayor's Committee gives him a hearty welcome. The cheering continues and the cat speaks, "Ladies and Gentlemen," says he, "If it weren't for my great endurance, I couldn't have made it." At this the mouse, grown to a great size, steps out from under the airship. The crowds now cheer the mouse while the cat makes a hasty exit, realizing that "Boastful Idleness Often Comes to Grief."

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